nisation (CSO) at constant prices of 1980-81, the share of agriculture in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during 1992-93 is estimated at 28.1%.

(b) The share of agriculture and allied products in the total exports of the country during 1992-93 was estimated as about 17.6%.

(c) and (d) The share of agriculture in the GDP depends upon the rate of growth of various sectors whereas its share in exports would depend upon the pattern of utilisation of various products. However, the special thrust on the promotion of agricultural exports, particularly products of horticulture, floriculture, livestock & marine products, processed foods etc. is being given which would increase the share of agriculture in the total exports in future.

Calculation of cost of production of agricultural products

5057. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether labour cost for the period during which the farmers remain active looking after the crops is also taken into account while calculating the cost of production of agri-produce;

(b) whether the cost of labour of the women folk and children of the farmers is also taken into account for the above; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) The labour cost for the entire period for which the farmer and his family including woment and children above 10 years of age who are actively engaged in farm work is taken into account in computation of cost of cultivation/production. However, the labour cost for each item of work or operation-wise is not separately worked out.

Spurious and sub-standard pesticides

5058. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of spurious and sub-standard pesticides is increasing in the country causing great damage to the crops ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of the available laws to check it, these laws are not being enforced strictly and there is no detterent punishment to the culprits as a result of which this fake industry is growing and farmers are suffering ; and

(c) the number of cases registered against dealers of spurious pesticides and the number of corrupt suppliers convicted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) By and large there is no specific report that the production of spurious and sub-standard pesticides is increasing in the country, causing great damage to the crops. Analysis of pesticides samples drawn by Insecticide Inspectors across the country reveal that about 3-5% of pesticide samples are sub-standard/misbranded.

(b) States and UTs have been entrusted with the responsibility of implementating the various provisions on quality control under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Rules framed thereunder. The notified Insecticide Inspectors under the said Act draw samples as per prescribed norms which are analysed by State Pesticides Testing Laboratories, Regional Pesticides Testing Laboratories and Central Insecticides Laboratory. In case samples are found sub standard, the concerned manufacturers/suppliers of misbranded pesticides are punished under Section 29 of the Act. For the second and a subsequent offence, the punishment is imprisonment upto three years or fine or both. Deterrent administrative action by way of cancellation or suspension of manufacturing/selling licences is also taken.

(c) During 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (upto December, 1993), the number of prosecution launched and conviction awarded are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Number of Prosecutions Launched and Convictions Awarded

Year	*Prosecution launched*	*Convictions*
1991-92	552	56
1992-93	442	58
1993-94 (upto December 1993)	273	82

Basis of E.C. allocation of urea

5059. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the basis of E.C. allocation of urea to different manufactures in the country ;

(b) whether it is a fact that freight is borne by Government for transportation of the fertilizer and a lot of amount is spent for transportation from far away places when urea fertilizer is available at near places ; and

(c) what steps Government is taking for rationalizing the E.C. allocation to avoid wasteful expenditure on freight ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) to (c) Allocation of urea from manufacturers to states is made keeping in view the following broad principles :

(i) By and large, no State is made dependent on one manufacturer for supply of urea and no manufacturer is made dependent on one State for marketing its urea : and

(ii) criss-cross movement of urea and movements involving long haulages are avoided to the extent possible. Rationalisation is a continuous process and in order to minimise transportation post, Government pays a single equated freight for indigenously produced urea and a normative freight for imported urea moved from production centres/ ports to States under allocation.

Cotton production in Punjab

5060. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA ; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the cotton production in the State of Punjab in the present year ;

(b) whether there is any fall in production. if so, the reasons thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is all time record of high cotton prices in Punjab this year ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the benefit of the high prices has not fully gone to farmers and instead has gone to the middle men and the mill owners ; and

(e) what steps Government is taking to watch the interest of farmers in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) According to present assessment the production of cotton in Punjab during 1993-94 is likely to be about 17.27 lakh bales of 170 kgs. each.

(b) Yes, Sir. The fall in the production of cotton in Punjab during 1993-94 is attributed to pests (Heliothis) attack.

(c) The wholesale prices of cotton on the whole in Punjab during 1993-94 was quoted much higher than the preceding years.

(d) and (e) The prices of kapas (raw cotton) have been continuously ruling at higher level that the minimum support prices from the beginning of the cotton season and therefore, the farmers are expected to have received the benefit of the higher prices.

Construction of Warehouse etc. at baramat by CWC

5061. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state